

TREASURY WILL COME TO THE RELIEF OF OPERA SEASON WILL OPEN HERE TO-NIGHT

Secretary Gage to Put \$25,000,000 Into Circulation by the Purchase of Additional Bonds.

\$50,000,000 More Will Be Added to Funds in National Bank Depositories to Relieve Money Stringency.

Department Believes That by Giving Banks the Use of the Cash the Present Trouble Will Be Obviated.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Treasury Department, it is said to-night on good authority, will take decisive steps to relieve the money market.

Additional bonds to the extent of \$25,000,000 will be purchased and the deposits of Government money in national bank depositories will be increased by at least \$50,000,000.

There is an aggregate of \$82,000,000 of treasury funds carried in national bank depositories. The rule of depositing these funds was inaugurated when Charles Foster was Secretary of the Treasury. The amount so carried in recent years has been smaller than in years past.

The Department believes that by increasing these deposits and permitting the banks to have the use of the money, much of the present trouble will be obviated.

Secretary Gage to-day received many telegrams from bankers in all parts of the country urging him to take steps to put an end to the present stringency in the money market. The Secretary will probably take up the matter with the President to-morrow.

CRUSHED EMPLOYER'S SKULL.
Lunzman Was Refused the Money Due Him and Struck Benjamin Lewis.

Benjamin Lewis, a pocketbook manufacturer of Williamsburg, was reported yesterday as dying in the Eastern District Hospital from a fracture of the skull, received Saturday at the hands of Frederic Lunzman, an employee. Lunzman had asked Lewis to give him part of his salary, which had been due him for weeks, in addition to the amount he earned last week. It is alleged that Lewis was willing to give the man only \$9. Lunzman demanded \$6 more. He struck Lewis with a satchel in which was a soda water bottle.

While Lunzman was in a cell yesterday he became ill and a doctor was called. When he was arraigned he seemed on the verge of collapse. He was held without bail. The prisoner cried like a child and prayed that his victim might recover.

SENATE TO DISCUSS ISLAND PURCHASES
Both Gallapagos and Danish West Indies Are Wanted.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The State Department is expecting information from the government of Ecuador as to the terms on which it will dispose of Chatham Island, the most important of the Philippine group. The department makes the statement that there have been "no negotiations between the governments of Denmark and the United States" for the sale of the Danish West Indies, and the German Ambassador has said to the Journal that Germany is taking no interest whatever in the report that the islands are being considered as an acquisition by the United States.

While this may be diplomatic it is a fact that a proposition is soon to be sprung in the Senate for the purchase of the Danish islands.

It appears that Denmark cannot directly at this time hold negotiations with this government, as it is understood that a great American syndicate has an option on the islands, and that its minimum price is \$5,000,000.

It is believed that the syndicate now offering the islands is the same which offered them to this government during the Spanish-American war, the price at that time being \$5,000,000.

As to the Gallapagos Islands proposed to be purchased the Navy Department has information that they would be an admirable site for a coaling station.

Both of the propositions, the purchase of the Gallapagos and that of the Danish islands, are expected to materialize within a short time.

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Mme. Lillian Nordica.

The favorite soprano will appear on the stage of the Metropolitan on Friday evening, as Elizabeth in "Tannhauser."

Alvarez, Tenor, to Appear in America for First Time—Eames, Plancon, Edouard de Reszke and Other Stars in Cast of "Romeo and Juliet."

The grand opera season begins to-night with Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet" sung in the French. From opulence and darkness the Metropolitan Opera House will be transformed into a place of beauty and light. Fashion, wealth and devotees of music from many walks of life will flock to the Mecca of Melody. The greatest of living singers will interpret the work of a master.

In the boxes there will be bejeweled and royally dressed women, dividing honors, as always before, with the shining stars of the operatic firmament and the splendid music. Without them the opera would still be open, but robbed of one great element that goes to make the night of music most interesting and complete.

PLATT-ROOSEVELT ATTACK ON BLACK.
Fierce Fight Begins for Rensselaer County Leadership.

Albany, Dec. 17.—Former Governor Frank S. Black is having the fight of his life to maintain his leadership in Republican affairs in Rensselaer County politics. Mr. Black is not talking for publication, but his friends without hesitation declare that the plot to oust Black has the support of the Platt-Roosevelt machine.

The fight against Black is most significant in that it affects materially Superintendent Lou Parn's political prestige. Rensselaer is joined with Columbia, Putnam, and Dutchess counties, and also a Congressional district.

If Platt and Roosevelt succeed in spoliing Black's control of the Rensselaer machine they will control the election of National and State delegates in the Rensselaer-Columbia district next year. They will also strip Black and Parn of their control of two Senators and three Assemblymen from those counties.

Black's friends, led by C. V. Collins, superintendent of State Prisons, and J. V. Jacobs, appeared in numbers at the meeting and turned out for Black.

Next day another meeting was held and Black was present. He made a passionate speech, attacking those who sought to depose him. He said that the Platt-Roosevelt machine was again indorsed, but the Leggett men say they will continue the fight. They have the support of two newspapers.

Charles S. Francis, Black's editorial backer, is another object of the anti-Black spleen.

The invasion by the Platt-Roosevelt forces into the Rensselaer-Columbia district is being looked upon as the Governor's answer to Parn's defiance and threat to defeat Roosevelt for re-nomination. It is taken also as an indication that Platt will not support Parn in his fight to retain his office.

MELBA'S PICTURE STOLEN FROM A STREET CASE.

Suspected to Be Work of Jealous Rival. Valuable Photograph Beside Hers Untouched.

What is regarded as perhaps the finest photograph of the beautiful soprano Melba was taken from a glass case in front of the studio of E. W. Histed, opposite the Waldorf-Astoria, at an early hour yesterday morning.

Whether it was the work of a despondent admirer of the great singer, who had been told the price of her photograph, or the act of some rival who will heap indignities on the picture that they would like to rent on the original can only be inferred.

The picture of Miss Clara Butt that replaced that of Melba, costing like the one of Melba, \$25, was left untouched. This shows that the ravisher of the case wasn't after photographs in the abstract. Mr. Histed reported the robbery to the police of the West Thirtieth Street Station, and Detective Curry has been assigned to the case.

THE DRUM BELLS RINGED A DUAL LOVE.

The Rev. George Allen Will Marry His First Choice.

IT PLEASES HIS FELLOW.

Is Nursed Back to Health by a Girl Who Hoped to Be His Bride.

The Rev. George Allen, the Presbyterian minister of Milton, Ulster County, is to marry Miss Gedney, a member of his church. Their engagement is formally announced.

The wedding will be the last chapter of a love story, the plot of which brought the young minister to death's door. It has come right in the end.

Chapter I.

The Presbyterian Church of Milton was very proud of its new minister. He was called almost at random. A new graduate of the Union Theological Seminary, he came to their pulpit on trial, and from his first sermon they loved him. He had years and had learning, for George Allen came to the ministry long after the age when most men settle themselves in a vocation. The son of a man of means, he could choose his own path in life, and his first choice was not the church. As a draughtsman in one of the great iron firms in Glasgow he overworked himself into illness. His father took him from his desk and sent him on his travels. In Athens he found health again. There distinguished men, and equating himself for comparison, found himself of their mental stature. He studied and he wrote, but he could not reconcile himself to being dependent on his father.

The scholar left his books and plunged into the world again. He came to America, and in the engineering branch of Water-viet Arsenal he found work. The planning and draughting of machinery gave independence to him as far as his material wants were concerned, but they left unsatisfied cravings as intense as hunger. His books were more to him than the wheels that revolved about him. He felt he was not doing his best for his fellow men. The message he bore struggled for utterance. He felt he had a duty to perform.

He entered Union Theological Seminary, and, after three years, he was the Rev. George Allen, and a prize for the church that chose him for its shepherd.

Chapter II.

George Allen's first sermon caused a sensation in the Milton church. Such fervor, such eloquence, such eloquence, was a revelation to the little congregation. They saw at once they had found a ripe man, and every week made them prouder of their minister.

Naturally, the coming of this paragon of ministers caused a flutter among the young women of the church. There was a revelation to the little congregation. They saw at once they had found a ripe man, and every week made them prouder of their minister.

The time came when he did smile at one pretty face that always was prominent in the church work. There were heartburnings among the others, but the elders and their wives mostly agreed that their minister had chosen well. Minnie Gedney, so fair, so good, so wrapped up in the church work, would be the ideal wife for their paragon.

The match was discussed and understood in the church, and when the elders granted a vacation to the minister it was expected that when he returned from his visit in his family in Scotland the wedding would take place.

Chapter III.

On the steamer that brought the Rev. Mr. Allen back to America was Miss Nokes, a beautiful girl, who had also been spending a vacation in Scotland. She was a trained nurse, the sort of girl who is worth more in a room than an angel, and the essence of the chemist. Her mind was the counterpart of her acquisitions ripen under the sun of knowledge.

The announcement stirred the Presbyterian Church of Milton. Miss Nokes was not of the clergyman's faith, and the elders drew long faces as they talked it over. They spoke of the minister's duty, and they spoke of his duty to his church. The minister had something to do with it. George Allen the man and George Allen the minister were at odds. He tried to settle by emptying a pistol into his head. The bullet was too small, and Miss Nokes pulled him back to life. Incidentally she learned of his elders' love for her. Pride and heart she cancelled the engagement as soon as her patient was recovered.

Chapter IV.

On last Friday evening at a church reception in Milton the engagement of the Rev. George Allen and Miss Minnie Gedney was announced. The members of the church were gathered in the little hall. The wedding is set for an early date.

HIS FAME WAS ARTIFICIAL.

Didn't Discover It, However, Until He Was "Out Ten Dollars."

In target practice among the policemen of the Kingsbridge station last Summer Roundman Weiss made a score of 73 out of a possible 75 every time he shot, and became impressed with the idea that he was a good shot, a marksman with a revolver as any other fellow.

Patrolman Johnson challenged him to a match for \$10. It took place on Saturday night in the police station. It has now been learned that the policeman who watched the targets last Summer stuck their fingers through the bull's eye every time the rounds were shot, this building up in his mind the false impression that he could hit something and paving the way for the loss of \$10.

Bits of Local News.

If Henry Peck had been five minutes late in arriving at his room, at No. 206 East Ninth street, yesterday, Heinrich Tschanz would have been accosted. The gas had been turned on by accident.

John Smith denounced Italy in front of the salon at One Hundred and Fifth street and Morris avenue yesterday, and called out his right ear off and shot him in the side. He will recover.

Ambrose V. Suarez, of No. 96 Bowery, charged August Voss, of No. 425 Seventh avenue, and Bert Gaskill with assaulting and attempting to rob him at Jersey street and Bowery avenue yesterday morning. Both accused men belong to good families, and were held in \$2,000 bail each.

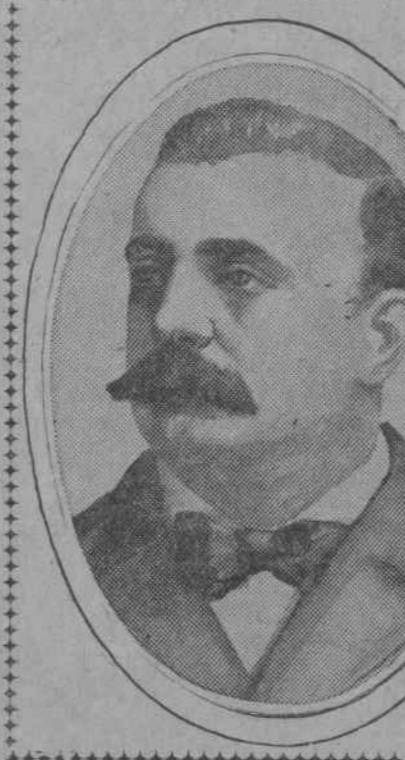
Walter Battman, of No. 416 West Fifty-sixth street, was held for examination in the Jefferson Hotel, about yesterday on a charge of running down Miss Florence di Zorzi with a cab.

Edward F. Cassidy was fined \$5 by the West Side Police Court on a charge of passing counterfeit money.

A number of friends have presented a life-size bronze bust of the late John W. Ambrose to members of his family. Mr. Ambrose secured from Congress appropriations of several millions to widen and deepen the channels of New York harbor.

George Manning, of No. 153 St. John street, Williamsburg, was stabbed in a slugging match last night by John Schenck. The men were great friends. Manning may not live.

"SILVER DOLLAR" IS NEAR DEATH.



Doctors Only Can Make His Last Hours Easier.

HIS DYING REQUESTS.

Selects His Own Grave and Wants No Display at His Funeral.

Charles Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar," is dying. He has been at death's door before and recovered, but this time it seems he has no chance to survive. He has great vitality. He may hold out for a few days yet. That is all. He is lying in his room over his saloon at No. 64 Essex street.

For some time the specialists—Dr. Janeway and Jacob—attended him. They seemed to do him no good. When they told him that his case was hopeless he let them go and returned to his own physician.

"Silver Dollar" was unconscious almost all of yesterday. He failed to recognize some of his friends who came to see him. Of the members of his family the only one he remembered was his son-in-law, Isidor Dreyfus. Yet when a friend he had not seen for twenty years called—Charles Hecker—he recognized him instantly and called him by name.

The sick man was able to take very little nourishment last week. His appetite gave

WOOD WILL RULE CUBA FROM HAVANA.

General Ludlow Is to Be Transferred to Matanzas.

Washington, Dec. 17.—General Wood proposes to maintain in Cuba a military government, which is to be centralized at Havana to a degree that was not contemplated under the Brooke regime.

It is understood that the one of the earliest acts of General Wood will be to transfer General Ludlow to Matanzas, giving him charge merely of a military post. He will dispense with the military governorship of Havana as an independent command.

General Wood will have no intermediary between him and the municipal government of Havana. The loss of General Ludlow will be supplied by the detail of an engineer officer to look after the internal improvements of the city.

A part of this plan is to dispense with the services of as many of the generals in Cuba as possible. It is practically certain that General Fitzhugh Lee and J. H. Willard will be retired as brigadiers in the regular establishment.

It is planned to maintain only small garrisons at such cities as Manzanillo, San Diego and Puerto Principe.

That General Wood will send General Ludlow to Matanzas is a confirmation of the rumor that there will soon be a revival of the sewerage contract in the interest of Michael J. Dady, the Brooklyn politician, who has a \$150,000 contract with the Spanish authorities for the sewerage of Havana prior to the outbreak of the Spanish war.

General Ludlow has been persistently opposed to the legalizing of this contract by this government, and said to Mr. Dady that he could not get the work.

Under the Ludlow regime the Municipal Council of Havana, by a vote of seventeen to three, only about half of the Councilmen being present, decided that the contract was not valid.

Mr. Dady's friends see in the appointment of General Wood the chance of the organization of a new council and a reconsideration of the sewerage decision, which may result in Mr. Dady's favor.

Mr. Dady, it appears, is not content to accept the forfeiture of \$200,000 which is provided for by the bond in case the authorities do not execute the contract. It is admitted that his contract was not signed by the Spanish officials, but he holds that the equities of the case demand that this government should protect his interests, as had not the war intervened, he would have closed the matter with the Spanish government.

SPAIN WILL NOT CEDE CEUTA TO ANY POWER.

Premier Silvela Announces That His Government Will Not Give Up Her African Possessions.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—Senator Silvela, the Premier, replying to a question on the subject in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, said the report of an alliance between Spain and Russia, based upon the cession of Ceuta, the Spanish seaport town in Morocco, opposite Gibraltar, was without foundation.

"Neither now nor in the future," he declared, "will Spain on any account cede her African possessions."

Fifth Artillery Private a Suicide.
Samuel Hahn, a private in Company N, Fifth Artillery, was found dead yesterday in a hotel at 232 East Houston street. By his side was an empty vial that had contained morphine.



Charles ("Silver Dollar") Smith.

The East Side politician is dying in his home, leading physicians saying the end is only a few days away. He has bought his own grave, given instructions about his funeral and asked friends to spend their money on funeral for children rather than on flowers for his grave.

out entirely yesterday. The doctor managed to give a little bouillon to him. He would not swallow any of the mineral water which he has been drinking in large quantities for some time.

In his lucid moments he tried to make arrangements for his funeral. He was very thoughtful, and particularly requested that his friends should not be allowed to spend much money for flowers for his funeral. He said he would like it much better if the money were spent on their wives and daughters for Christmas presents and winter clothes. He didn't want to have an expensive funeral under any circumstances, either, so far as his own family was concerned.

Since he has been ill he has insisted that he be buried in a lot in Cypress Hills Cemetery, near the Shakespearean. Accordingly, a lot has been bought for him there.

The sick man has been attended almost constantly since his illness began by his son. His grandson, who is only two years old, has been in his room much of the time.

Until his illness "Silver Dollar" Smith was very stout. He has wasted away until he is little more than a skeleton now. He has consumption, diabetes and other ailments.

ADJUTANT GENERAL ANDREWS RESIGNS.

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General Avery D. Andrews made public yesterday the fact of his resignation as Adjutant-General of the State of New York. The resignation was sent to Governor Roosevelt several weeks ago, and will take effect January 1, but the matter was kept quiet at the request of the Governor, who wanted time to consider the question of a successor to the retiring chief of staff, and did not want to be bothered by the importunities of the friends of candidates for this responsible position.

That the Governor has already practically settled upon the new Adjutant-General may be inferred from the fact that General Andrews's public announcement was preceded by the resignation of the retiring chief of staff, and the General declared last night that he did not know who his successor would be.

In his letter of resignation, General Andrews gives the press of personal business as the reason for his action. He calls attention to the fact that during the year the National Guard and Naval Militia had been re-equipped and re-established, and that it had been kept entirely free from political considerations.

In his letter of acceptance, the Governor expresses the deepest regret at General Andrews's departure, and pays the highest tribute to the work of his retiring chief of staff.

General Andrews declared last night that his retirement was due to private business and to no other cause political or personal. Although only thirty-five years old, General Andrews has had eighteen years of continuous military service, including West Point, regular army, United States Volunteers and National Guard. "I want a little rest, now," he said, with a laugh.

The appointment of General Andrews as a great shock to Senator Platt and other Republicans. The appointee is a Democrat. The office carries a salary of \$4,000 and patronage of about \$400,000.

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BRUMBY, DEWEY'S LIEUTENANT, DEAD.

Expires from Typhoid Fever in a Hospital in Washington.

SHOCK TO ADMIRAL.

The Younger Man Failed to Recognize His Senior at Last Visit.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, Dewey's flag lieutenant at the battle of Manila, died at 5:30 this afternoon at Garfield Hospital from typhoid fever and a complication of diseases.

An operation was performed on his throat yesterday to relieve the difficult respiration of the past few days. It was noticed at 7 o'clock this morning that he was sinking. He was conscious at times, but after 11 o'clock he failed fast. Mrs. Haywood, of Georgia, a sister, was with him when he died.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon Admiral Dewey, who has been a frequent visitor at the hospital, drove out to see his lieutenant. It was the last time he saw him alive. To Admiral was informed that the end was a matter of a very few hours, and he left the hospital greatly depressed. Lieutenant Brumby had not recognized him.

Bade the Admiral Good-by.
Yesterday the farewell between the Admiral and Lieutenant Brumby occurred. For an hour they talked, the Admiral cheering and soothing, the Lieutenant able to speak in whispers. The sick man had become wasted to a skeleton, and when the Admiral took his lieutenant's hand and nervously held it in his for the final clasp tears stood in Dewey's eyes and his "good-by Brumby" was hoarse and tear-choked.

Immediately on the death of Lieutenant Brumby, a messenger was dispatched with the news to the Admiral. Lieutenant Crawford, the Admiral's private secretary, and Lieutenant-Commander Laird, representing the Admiral, visited the hospital to take charge of the funeral arrangements.

Dewey Greatly Shocked.
Although expecting such news, Admiral Dewey was greatly shocked when it came. He immediately closed his residence and refused to see anybody. There was a warm personal friendship between the two men, who were thrown so much together during the memorable campaign in the Philippines. Until Admiral's marriage they were constant companions.

Lieutenant Brumby, after returning from Georgia, where he went to accept a sword given by a company of his ship, was taken down with a mild form of fever. His system, weakened by his service in the tropics, was unable to withstand the disease, and about Thanksgiving Day he was taken to the hospital. Other complications followed, and for a week before the collapse came his life was in danger. The body will be sent to Georgia to-morrow.

Lieutenant Brumby was appointed a naval cadet from Georgia, entering the service in September, 1887. His present commission dates from the 24th of August, 1898. Admiral Dewey recommended that he be advanced some positions made by lieutenants. His recommendation was adopted by the Navy Department, and the name sent to the Senate, but together with a number of other promotions made by the department failed to be acted upon. The promotion recommended placed him about thirteen on the list of lieutenants, and had it been confirmed he would in less than a year from now have reached the grade of Lieutenant-Commander.

PLATT GIVES GOLD COMFORT TO PARN.
Sorry the Governor Wont Renominate Him, but Withholds Help.

Lonis Frisbie Parn, Superintendent of Insurance, had a heart to heart talk with Senator Platt yesterday. In a two hours' interview Mr. Parn pointed out that the Governor is seeking to avenge himself for differences which began away back in 1884, and to fulfill a promise alleged to have been made to Lemuel Ely Quigg in 1898, that, if nominated and elected, Roosevelt would get rid of Parn at the earliest opportunity.

Parn parted from Platt just before noon and caught the Northwestern limited bound for Albany. Neither he, Platt nor Odell would discuss what had happened in Platt's apartments. Platt hastened to Washington, while Odell found it convenient to go out of town too.

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